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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 9, 1999 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Pending claims are Claims 1-5 and 35-37. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 35-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for allegedly rendered obvious by Durbin *et al.*, (1996) Cell 84:443-450 (hereafter "Durbin") in view of Jallat *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,814,716 (hereafter "Jallat"), Leder *et al.*, U.S. Patent No.